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TAGS: PINR (HAZI, VENCEL), HU

SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VENCEL HAZI

REF: BUDAPEST 3225

1. OUR RECORDS REFLECT LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH VENCEL HAZI DURING HIS 1970-76 STINT AS HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO LONDON. /WHEN AMBASSADOR ARMSTRONG CALLED PAID AN INTRODUCTORY CALL ON HAZI IN APRIL 1976, HAZI ESCHEWED THE CUSTOMARY SMALL TALK IN FAVOR OF SEVERAL POINTED REMARKS CALLING FOR THE RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN.

2. UNDER OUR A-289 OF APRIL 9, 1976, WE FORWARDED TO BUDAPEST AND THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE FCO'S CLASSIFIED BIOGRAPHIC NOTE ON HAZI. FCO HUNGARIAN DESK HAS ADVISED US THAT THE ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN THIS BIO NOTE REMAINS VALID. FCO DESK OFFICER ADDED THAT ON OCCASION, HAZI SEEMED SOMEWHAT PRICKLY AND QUICK TO TAKE OFFENSE WHERE NONE WAS INTENDED. HAZI'S HALF-AUSTRIAN WIFE WAS AMBITIOUS AND ACTIVE DURING HER HUSBAND'S LONDON TOUR AND OFTEN SEEMED TO BE HIS DRIVING FORCE. DURING HIS FAREWELL CALLS ON SENIOR FCO OFFICIALS, HAZI MENTIONED THAT ON REFLECTION, HE FELT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE AGGRESSIVE IN DEVELOPING BRITISH CONTACTS WHILE HE WAS AMBASSADOR HERE.

3. HAZI DEPARTED LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 10; HIS SUCCESSOR
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